if so, the details thereof; and

the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A request was received from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in October, 2006 for operation of Air India Express flight' from Hyderabad to Gulf Countries and Bangkok. Air India Express is planning three flights a week from Hyderabad to Abu Dhabi by end of April, 2008. Currently, Air India Express has no plans for operations to Bangkok, Riyadh and Kuwait from Hyderabad. Howc Air India is operating non-stop flights-from Hyderabad to Bangkok and Kuwait and through hub and spoke operations over Mumbai to Riyadh.

**Accident at Delhi Airport**

3727. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recently purchased (only six months back) Aircraft engine cover came off and fell on the runway in Delhi on 23 February, 2008 there by grounding 150 passengers for a day;

(b) if so, whether it was a manufacturing defect or poor maintenance by Air India;

(c) what are the findings of the investigations carried out to probe this unfortunate incident; and

(d) what steps have been taken to improve the maintenance of Air India aircrafts to avoid recurrence of such life-threatening eventualities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. M/s National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL)-A-321 aircraft VT-PPD while operating Charter flight from Delhi to Srinagar on 24.2.2008 was involved in an incident during take-off where in the bottom latches only of the nose cowl of right hand engine opened up. The aircraft returned and landed safely at Delhi.

(b) and (c) Investigation of the failed parts revealed that the failure of anti-rotation key of forward and aft keeper assembly probably changed the latch tension by repeated opening and closing of fan cowl, which has resulted in detachment of latch engagement in the eyebolt, leading to cowl opening. Based on *prima facie* evidence the privileges of the licences of both the departure engineer and the engineer who earlier carried out weekly inspection have been suspended.

(d) The aircraft utilised for scheduled services are maintained in an airworthy condition by carrying out sheduled maintenance as stipulated by the manufacturers and approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation. NACIL has issued A321 Technical Circular No. 5 of 2008 for the information of all the engineers regarding proper opening/closing of engine fan cowl doors.

**Traffic problem of IGI Airport**

3728. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

whether Government has recently asked the Delhi International Airport (Private) Limited (DIAL) to make certain changes at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport terminal for the convenience of passengers;

if so, the details thereof;

whether Government has asked CISF and DIAL to work together to deal with traffic problems; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The period of completion of the ongoing renovation work at the international-terminal of IGI Airport, Delhi has been extended by two months (upto 30.6.2008) so as to minimise inconvenience due to it to the passengers.

(c) and (d) CISF, DIAL and Delhi Police have been asked to work in tandem to handle the traffic related matters/problems inside the airport.

**Investors Protection Fund**

3729. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by Government on account of Investors Protection Fund during the last three years under section 205(c) of the Companies Act, 1956, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent out of the above collection for investors protection, year-wise;

(c) the balance amount available in the said Fund, year-wise; and

(d) the reason for the balance fund not spent for ivnestors protection, research etc?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) As per the information received from various Registrar of Companies, the following amount has been collected by Government on account of Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) under section 205C of the Companies Act, 1956, during the last three years:—

| Year | Amount : (Rupees in crore) |
|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 53.13 |
| 2006-07 | 15.04 |
| 2007-08 (up to 28.02.08) | 21.34 |
| TOTAL | 89.51 |

(b) Presently, the Ministry is getting a budgetary allocation for investor protection nitiatives every year and expenditure on various activities is being met out of this allocation, rhe details of the expenditure incurred during the last three years is as follows:—

*(Rupees in crore)*

| Financial Year | Expenditure |
|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 1.93 |
| 2006-07 | 2.61 |
| 2007-08 | 3.42 |